

## DAVID'S LAST SONG

2 Sam 22

David at end of life and ministry.

Twilight years.

Last song David wrote.

Events God brought into life to prepare him for song.

- Sorrow and grief suffered from death of Absalom
- Famine.
- Recent attack and war against Philistines.

**2 Samuel 21:15** David at point of exhaustion.

David summarizes life.

**THEME ONE: GOD IS MY SECURITY IN THE TOUGH TIMES (VV. 2-20)**

My life in disarray.

I realize God is my security.

**2 Samuel 22:4-7** He heard me...God is present!

**2 Samuel 22:8-12** God responding to David's prayer.

Answering David's prayers concerning famine and drought.

**2 Samuel 22:13-18** David, worn, weary, defeated and dejected.

**2 Samuel 22:19-20**...*he delivered me, because he delighted in me.*

He supports me in hard times. He is my security!

**THEME TWO: GOD IS MY LIGHT IN TIMES OF DARKNESS (VV. 21-31)**

**2 Samuel 22:29** God lights my path, a step at a time.

God gives enough light to see next step.

**2 Samuel 22:30** God, you have given me enough insight and light to jump over hurdles placed in my way.

Psalms 27:1,5, 10, 13-14

**THEME THREE: GOD IS MY STRENGTH IN TIMES OF WEAKNESS (VV. 32-40)**

**2 Samuel 22:32** Where strength come from?

**2 Samuel 22:33-35** Because God is my strength in time of weakness I can't—He can!

**2 Samuel 22:36-49** Instances where God gives strength in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Infirmity in flesh for 3 reasons:

1. Humble us
2. Give more grace
3. Have more power

**Perfect:** to complete, accomplish, consummate (in character): finish, fulfil,

**Strength:** . miraculous power, ability, ...

**Weakness:** feebleness, malady, disease, infirmity, sickness

My power and dynamic force in your life is only brought to its 100 per cent effectiveness by frailties.

My power shows up best in weak people.

Hughes: *Indeed, the abject weakness of the human instrument serves to magnify and throw into relief the perfection of the divine power in a way that any suggestion of human adequacy could never do. The greater the servant's weakness, the more conspicuous is the power of his Master's all-sufficient grace*

**Most gladly therefore will I rather glory ...** with great pleasure I choose to boast concerning the weaknesses that I have been experiencing.

**Rest upon me:** Tent upon me. Reference to Shechinah (Ex.40:34).

That power of God might create a canopy, a tent above me ...

**2 Cor 12:10** *Therefore I take pleasure ...* Think well of; approve of; think very highly of

**In:** While experiencing, In midst of

**Infirmities:** Sicknesses, maladies, infirmities

**Reproaches:** insult, injury, hurt, reproach.

**Necessities:** distressing things; needs aren't being met

**Persecutions:** Torments and torturing at hands of others

**Distresses:** Anguish; backed into corner

**for when I am weak, then am I strong.** When brought to end of human resources then realize God's strength made obvious in me.

The less I have, the more I depend on Him.

Principle: God's power is best put on display when we are weak.

Swindoll: *God is never stronger in His work than when we are, admittedly, weak. When we come to an end, He steps up and shows Himself strong.*

v.36: *thy gentleness hath made me great.* The fact that you stoop down to help me makes me great.

**THEME FOUR: GOD GIVES ME HOPE WHEN MY FUTURE SEEMS BLEAK (vv. 50-51)**

**2 Samuel 22:50** A thankful spirit! Spirit of praise. Grateful spirit.

**2 Samuel 22:51** David, I will take care of your descendants forever.

**SO WHAT?**

Remember: God's power is best put on display when we are weak.

God, you are my security in tough times.

You light my way, a step at a time.

You strengthen me in times of weakness

You give me hope when my future seems bleak.